

## **Amendments to the Claims**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

### **Listing of Claims:**

Claim 1 (currently amended): A method for controlling a clutch located between a drive motor and an automated manual transmission of a drive train, the method comprising:

controlling the clutch so as to change from an engine braking mode to a free-wheeling mode ~~so that a free-wheeling function is implemented during an engine braking mode.~~

Claim 2 (currently amended): The method as recited in claim 1 wherein the clutch is disengaged to implement the free-wheeling mode ~~function~~.

Claim 3 (currently amended): The method as recited in claim 2 wherein the clutch is disengaged to implement the free-wheeling mode ~~function~~ when a transmission the gear is equal to or less than a maximum free-wheeling gear.

Claim 4 (currently amended): The method as recited in claim 2 wherein the clutch is disengaged to implement the free-wheeling mode ~~function~~ when a ~~the~~ gas pedal has not been operated.

Claim 5 (currently amended): The method as recited in claim 2 wherein the clutch is disengaged to implement the free-wheeling mode ~~function~~ when an idling switch is activated.

Claim 6 (currently amended): The method as recited in claim 2 wherein the clutch is disengaged to implement the free-wheeling mode ~~function~~ when a driver's desired torque is less than zero.

Claim 7 (currently amended): The method as recited in claim 2 wherein the clutch is disengaged to implement the free-wheeling mode ~~function~~ when a ~~the~~ driving speed is less than the

maximum free-wheeling speed.

Claim 8 (currently amended): The method as recited in claim 2 wherein the clutch is disengaged to implement the free-wheeling mode function when no downhill driving is detected.

Claim 9 (currently amended): The method as recited in claim 2 wherein the clutch is disengaged to implement the free-wheeling mode function when the transmission is shifted to an automatic driving program.

Claim 10 (currently amended): The method as recited in claim 2 wherein the clutch is disengaged to implement the free-wheeling mode function when a creep function is not activated.

Claim 11 (currently amended): The method as recited in claim 2 wherein the clutch is disengaged to implement the free-wheeling mode function when there is no block of the free-wheeling function.

Claim 12 (currently amended): The method as recited in claim 1 wherein the change to the free-wheeling mode function is blocked when a driving speed is greater than a the maximum free-wheeling speed.

Claim 13 (currently amended): The method as recited in claim 1 wherein the change to the free-wheeling mode function is blocked when no automatic driving program has been activated.

Claim 14 (currently amended): The method as recited in claim 1 wherein the change to the free-wheeling mode function is blocked when a hill driving program has been activated.

Claim 15 (currently amended): The method as recited in claim 1 wherein a block of the change to the free-wheeling mode function is deactivated when a the gas pedal is operated or the a driver's desired torque is greater than zero.

Claim 16 (currently amended): The method as recited in claim 1 wherein a block of the change to the free-wheeling mode function is deactivated when there is a change from a manual driving program to an automatic driving program.

Claim 17 (currently amended): The method as recited in claim 1 wherein a block of the change to the free-wheeling mode function is deactivated when there is a change in gear with a gear that is less than or equal to a maximum free-wheeling gear.

Claim 18 (currently amended): A drive train comprising:  
a drive motor;  
a manual transmission; and  
a clutch connecting the drive motor and the manual transmission; and  
a controller capable of automatically controlling the manual transmission, the controller capable of automatically changing the engine braking mode to a free wheeling mode ~~controlling the clutch so that a free-wheeling function is implemented during an engine braking mode.~~

Claim 19 (original): The drive train as recited in claim 18 wherein the drive train is a motor vehicle drive train.